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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**NAKAMURA**

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**For: MAGNETIC RECORDING AND MAGNETIC  
RECORDING SYSTEM**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on February 17, 2005. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: